

DMV QUICKTIPS Seat Belts & Child Safety Seats



No exceptions. No excuses.
BUCKLE UP NEVADA

The Laws of Nevada

Nevada Revised Statutes 484.641 and 484.474 require that front and rear seat occupants of almost all passenger vehicles wear safety belts or ride in an approved child restraint system.

The Laws of Physics

If you crash or slam on your brakes, your car comes to a sudden stop. But you will keep moving until you, too, are stopped – by the windshield, dashboard, pavement or seat belt.

All children ages 12 and under should sit in the **back seat, properly restrained** whenever possible. It's safer!

Have Air Bags?

Buckle Up Anyway!



Air bags are more effective when you're buckled up. You should be seated at least 10" away from the air bag as measured from the center of the steering wheel to your breastbone.

Air bags should be turned off only for those with certain medical conditions, those who cannot sit 10" away and those who must transport young children in the front seat. Call 888-DASH-2-DOT or visit www.nhtsa.gov for more information.

NEVER place a rear-facing child safety seat in front of an air bag! Children under 12 should ride in the back.

Expectant mothers should buckle up and leave the air bag on. Never place the lap belt above or on your belly.



Kids Aren't Cargo!

Passengers under 18 may not ride in the back of a pickup or flatbed truck. This now applies in all Nevada counties and on all types of roads. The law does not apply, however, to farming and ranching activity, parades or to camper shells or slide-in campers. (NRS 484.473)

Booster seats are now Nevada law!

As of June 1, 2004, any child less than 6 years of age who weighs less than 60 pounds must ride in an approved child restraint system. (NRS 484.474) Current law applies to children under age 5 who weigh less than 40 pounds. Don't wait! Get a booster seat now.

4 STEPS FOR KIDS



- Use **REAR FACING INFANT SEATS** in the back seat from birth to at least one year old and at least 20 pounds.
- Use **FORWARD FACING TODDLER SEATS** in the back seat from age one to at least age five and 40 pounds.
- Use **BOOSTER SEATS** in the back seat from age five and 40 pounds to at least age 9 and 80 pounds. Boosters should be used for any child who cannot sit with his back straight against the vehicle seat back with knees bent over the seat edge without slouching.
- Use **SAFETY BELTS** at age nine or older and at least 80 pounds. All children 12 and under should ride in the back seat.

Remember

- Never use just a lap belt across a child sitting in a booster seat designed for shoulder belts.
- Never use pillows, books, or towels to boost a child. They can slide around.
- Never put a shoulder belt behind anyone's arm or back because it eliminates the protection for the upper part of the body and increases the risk of severe injury in a crash.

Did you know? Four of five child safety seats are installed improperly. Call for a regularly-scheduled, free safety seat inspection in your area.

Las Vegas - Safe Kids Coalition - (702) 731-8666
Reno - REMSA Point of Impact - (775) 858-5437
Elko - Nevada Highway Patrol - (775) 753-1253
Statewide – Office of Traffic Safety – (775) 687-3303



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